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## NEWS RELEASE

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### Utah County couple faces felony State tax evasion charges

A former Lindon, Utah, couple faces seven felony charges for withholding several thousands of dollars in payroll taxes and not remitting them to the State of Utah.

Stephen M. Zimmerman, 57, and his wife, Carla Zimmerman, 56, were charged on July 21 with six second degree felony counts of communications fraud and tax evasion in Salt Lake City 3rd District Court.

An additional third degree felony of failure to file a proper tax return was also filed against the couple.

The Utah State Tax Commission investigation shows the Zimmermans owe more than \$350,000 in payroll taxes penalties and interest, says spokesman Charlie Roberts.

The Tax Commission says the Zimmermans operated marketing businesses known as Professional Global Marketing Data Services, Inc. and PGM in Orem. From December 2005 through 2008, the Zimmermans withheld payroll taxes for their employees, and failed to remit these trust funds to the Tax Commission.

They also submitted false W-2 tax forms on behalf of their employees which erroneously claimed that the payroll taxes had been remitted, Roberts says.

Court dates are still pending for the two defendants. This matter will be prosecuted by the Utah Attorney General's Office and was investigated by the Criminal Investigation Unit of the State Tax Commission.

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